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EDITORIALS

The Conference office misses the fre- ient visits of Mr. Oakley. With his tirement from the Pacific he resigned s work at Niles and he and Mrs. Oak- y have removed to Los Angeles. nrough his work as editor and mana- :r of this paper he made a host of iends. He had given himself to this sk as a labor of love wherein he ight exercise his literary talents and :press his splendid idealism. Each is- ie seemed to be a child of his brain id he will miss these occasions of eeting with the Congregationalists of ie Pacific Coast as we are now missing m.

With this issue the form and charac- r of the Pacific changes from an or- in of opinion to a news sheet primari- . The Conference Board has recom- ended that a staff of corresponding litors be appointed, one from each As- ociation, to serve with the Conference iperintendent in securing the inform- g material that will connect our scat- red forces. In addition to the local ews the paper will be used to promote ur State and National interests. Hard- a month passes but what we are en- rossed with some phase of denomina- onal activity. We will anticipate such atters and give space for such promo- on.

The Conference Board further voted change the subscription price from ne dollar per year to twenty-five cents. he more popular price should chal- nge every minister to secure subscrip- ons, not alone to make the paper prof- able, but that it may get to his con- ituency the knowledge of our various issionary organizations and the local olor of the home base. At the popu- r price we will not be able to pay any ommissions nor will we furnish re- eipts save as it appears in connection ith your address. We have extended ie time of your subscription to cover our present payments and if the date not correct kindly inform us at nce.

In checking our lists we find three undred and seventy-seven delinquent ubscribers. Probably half of our read- s will observe their address label and emit at once if they are in arrears. or this reason we are not sending any lls at present. Before dropping names e may yet resort to this method, but asmuch as we need you and your co- peration we will wait awhile. Send amps or give money to your minister. Vatch for the results of this appeal.

This number will reach you in the ays that just precede Easter. Pastors ill be busy. Laymen and laywomen ill be more than usually sensitive to piritual appeals. Increased audiences ill attend our churches. Easter will e many accessions to membership. he results of this season can never be lly reported. Spiritual experiences annot be tabulated. If, however, we n have a brief report of your Easter gatherings they will be shown next onth.

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WE ARE HONORED BY APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WILBUR

The Pacific,

Mr. Editor: I feel that a high honor has been conferred on our church and congregation by the appointment of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur as Secretary of the Navy.

Judge Wilbur is indeed an outstanding character in the State of California. As Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of our state, he has occupied the highest position available to any member of the legal profession in California, and he is indeed worthy of all the honor and responsibility which has been thrust upon him.

A man of judicial temperament, broad reading, remarkable powers of observation, and a depth of sympathy, tender and human; he has proved himself to be a friend of humanity, exceedingly approachable, and equal to all the emergencies of his profession and career.

We rejoice in the promotion of Curtis D Wilbur to a seat in the President's Cabinet. He is not only an illustrious member of the legal profession, in our state and country, but he is an outstanding moral reformer whose ideals for state, church, and home are beautifully expressed in a character and career unsurpassed by any of his coadjutors and fellow citizens.

We wish for Curtis D. Wilbur a long life and health, honor, and happiness. We need just such men in the national capital at the present time. His character is the incarnation of the cardinal virtues, and his home life is worthy to be compared with that of Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Lincoln. His elevation to the high position to which he has been called will mean the consecration of Christian character and noble worth to the moral welfare of the country.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. GORDON.

SIXTEEN ENROLL IN WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL

We are glad to enlist the roll of World Service Schools. Certificates have been sent as follows: Palo Alto, San Jose, Soquel, Ceres, Woodside, Oakland; First, Petaluma, Alameda, Stockton, Cloverdale, Fresno; First, Santa Cruz, Crockett, San Lorenzo, Tulare and Campbell.

Some churches are still using the Missionary Education Chart, others have changed to the World Service Plan. Those who have made the change find new values arising. In some later issue we will print the list of schools making monthly payments on the apportionment.

LENTEN LITERATURE HAS WIDE DISTRIBUTION

Lenten Literature has been sent out to representatives of thirty-two churches. These orders exhausted a supply of 1500 copies of "The Fellowship of Prayer," about half that number of "Aids to Private Devotion," and proportionate quantities of "Textbooks for Pastor's Class" and "Six Lessons for Pastor's Class," "Handbook of Prayers" and other Lenten material.

An outstanding need of Doshisha Girls' School is a thoroughly trained music teacher. The applicants for next term in April are expected to be three times more than can be accommodated.

SECRETARY BEARD VISITS THE COAST

Following the mid-winter conference in Chicago, Mr. Beard visited the Pacific Coast, starting at Seattle, journeying south via Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He expressed great satisfaction with the reception given him. Detailed reports concerning all the places visited are not at hand. In San Francisco he addressed the ministers on Monday morning, February twenty-fifth, and also a mixed gathering at noon, at a lunch served in the First Church. An even hundred gave him close attention as he outlined the promotion plans for 1925. At the lunch a committee was selected to go over the plans and get an organization for that campaign. The committee was made up of four laymen and four ministers with local secretaries as ex-officio members. Superintendent Minchin is to convene the committee and will do so soon after Easter. Note the names:

Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood, Palo Alto.
Mr. J. T. Richards, Saratoga.
Mr. C. W. Brock, Berkeley.
Mr. F. F. Barbour, Oakland.
Rev. Ralph B. Larkin, Berkeley.
Rev. H. V. White, Stockton.
Rev. Harvey V. Miller, Alameda.
Mrs. Henry Smitten, San Francisco.

Ex-Officio

Supt. Minchin. Sec'y Hinman.
Sec'y Kelsey. Sec'y Ranney.

FEDERAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

During the latter part of February, Secretary Roy B. Guild of the Federal Council visited San Francisco at the call of the local Federation, to assist in securing a Secretary to give full time to the city work. A budget of $10,000 was provided. Dr. Gordon made an appeal on Sunday morning and secured $1500 at once. San Francisco's share of the burden is therefore provided for. A strong committee was appointed to select a Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL AT SACRAMENTO

The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Northern California Council of Religious Education will meet at Sacramento in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, April 3, 4, 5, 6. Marion Lawrence will be the leading speaker. This gathering will be the most important for years as it is combining the old and the new in Sunday School work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Letters have gone forth to selected list of our young people inviting them to Berkeley for three wonderfully interesting days. Here is the opportunity to awaken a new interest on the part of young people and help provide leadership for the greater tasks we wish to accomplish in Religious Education. Consult your minister. The dates are April 11-13. Dr. Miles B. Fisher is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

EASTER OFFERINGS

With many churches it is the custom to ask for an extra offering at Easter. In some churches the event is an annual one and the cause fixed by custom. This year the Home Missionary Society is asking for a special contribution that it may undertake some new work. Kind acknowledgement has come from a few churches in response to the Society appeal. We trust that others are planning to meet this appeal and that all will remit promptly.

CONGRATULATING GEORGE MARTIN

After nearly sixteen years in rented quarters, the Army and Navy Branch, Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco is looking forward to a new building, costing, with land and equipment, $925,000. The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association has pledged $650,000 toward this amount on condition that $275,000 be raised locally.

Judge Wilbur, now Secretary of the Navy, who is Chairman of the Committee of Management, is heading a committee to raise this amount.

Since the Army and Navy Branch was established in 1908, 129,000 soldiers and sailors have attended religious meetings under the auspices of the Association, and in addition 20,800 have attended the Churches of San Francisco in the 826 Church Parties conducted by the Secretaries, and 17,350 have been in Bible Classes. Figures also show 851 professed conversions, 169 joined church, 18,000 religious interviews and 16,005 testaments given out. There was also a large use made of the social features and other privileges provided.

REV. O. W. S. McCALL IN FRESNO

Rev. O. W. S. McCall spent five days, beginning March 10th, with the First Church in Fresno. He spoke each evening and on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Evening audiences filled the Church; afternoon meetings were not so well attended, but they gave an opportunity to a considerable number who could not come in the evenings.

The addresses were all powerful and positive and earnest presentations of great religious themes. Religious controversy was not the purpose. Fundamentalism was not accorded a single word and shall not be mentioned here. The last sermon on the subject, "Not to Condemn," was said by some intelligent persons to be the most helpful sermon to which they had ever listened. I include myself among such persons.

After the last meeting a social hour was arranged in order that folks might know Mr. McCall in his lighter vein. This vein we discovered was well developed. Our guest commended the Fresno people for their perseverance in attending the meetings and hinted that they had had during the last twelve years a rigorous training that had inured them to any brand of hardship.

It was a great week for all of us. We had a good time and got stirred up. The following Sunday morning we had a larger congregation than on any Sunday for so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary,—except, or course, on Easter and on various occasions when the regular minister did not preach. We all join in one chorus of gratitude to Mr. McCall for coming, to the Berkeley Church for loaning him, to Australia for giving him birth, to Ireland for giving him ancestry.

It would be well if the Church in Berkeley, recognizing an indebtedness both to the wise and unwise, would form the habit of sending their minister to spend an occasional week with some group of saints whose lot it may be to dwell in Rome. Such generosity would bless them who give and them who receive.

THOMAS T. GIFFEN.

Word comes from Dr. Beals that Ruth Andrews is plunging into her job indefatigably. Her sympathy with and knowledge of the country are a great resource to start with.

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"LACK OF MORAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS INJUSTICE TO CHILDHOOD," SAYS WILLET

"The average American is dwelling in a haze so far as the real demands of moral and religious education are concerned. In mistaken fashion he believes that he is adhering to an ancient and glorious tradition which insists on the absolute separation of Church and State. He is dimly conscious that a very great wrong is being done to American childhood and youth by the lack of moral and religious education. He knows that the Sunday Schools, despite much excellent work, are not able to cope with the immensity of the task. He knows that Daily Vacation Bible Schools, excellent also in their effort, are not nearly well enough equipped to do the job. He knows that somewhere and somehow the work ought to be done. But his feet grow cold when somebody rises to insist that it be done in schools and colleges and universities. Muddle-headedly he has almost given in to the idea that the Bible is a sectarian book and that religion is not a science. He is nearly aware that his thinking is wrong, but he has not yet manifested the courage necessary for the taking up of this important task of educating in morals and in religion with a thoroughness that is regarded as elementary by all teachers of geology, or Latin, or mathematics, or history."

It was after this fashion that Herbert L. Willett, associate editor of the "Christian Century" spoke to the Monday Minister's Club, March 17. Only a small attendance was present to listen to one of the most thought provoking addresses that have ever been delivered before that assembly. G. M.

BOOKS RECEIVED

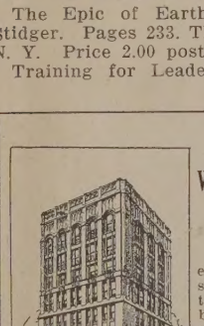
Christ and the Problems of Youth; by John M. Versteg. Pages 133: price .75 net. The Abingdon Press N. Y.

Builders of the Church; by Robert Leonard Tucker. Pages 335: price 1.40 net postage extra. The Abington Press N. Y.

The Lord's Supper; by Bishop Francis Wesley Warne. Pages 85: price .50 net. The Abingdon Press N. Y.

The Epic of Earth; by William L. Stidger. Pages 233. The Abingdon Press N. Y. Price 2.00 postage extra.

Training for Leadership and Teaching; by Wade Crawford Barclay. Pages 193: price .80 postage extra. Methodist Book Concern.



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POMONA PROSPECTS

Pomona College announces two important events which mark perhaps the greatest single forward movement in the history of the college. At a meeting just held of the members of the city council, chamber of commerce, and other prominent citizens, President Blaisdell announced that Miss Ellen Scripps of La Jolla who has already made several valuable gifts to the college, has secured the famous Indian Hill tract of land for the benefit and future development of the college. This tract of land embraces about 280 acres, and was acquired by Miss Scripps at an expense of $250,000. With other smaller pieces of property which have been acquired for the benefit of the college by trustees and other friends, it gives a total frontage upon the north side of the Foothill Boulevard from Indian Hill Boulevard to Mills Avenue of about a mile. At the same time friends of the college have been acquiring for its future use various tracts of vacant land lying between Sixth Street and the Foothill Boulevard and College and Mills Avenues. This will give the college eventually practically a half mile of frontage on the south side of the Foothill Boulevard.

The acquisition of this additional land which gives the college a campus area of about five hundred acres, does not mean that there will be an immediate building. It has been secured and is being held in order to provide for the future development of the institution along lines which have been in the mind of President Blaisdell for a long time. It is hoped that a group of small colleges, similar to Pomona, will eventually be erected which will center about a great graduate university, somewhat upon the order perhaps of Oxford University in England or Princeton University in New Jersey. It is believed that the acquisition of this land, giving ample space for the development of one of the greatest universities of the country, will appeal to men and women of means who are interested in higher education, and that material contributions will be made in the near future toward the realization of this great program.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PERMANENT PASTORS

Oakland, Olivet.
San Leandro, Broadmoor.
Soquel.
Alturas.
Niles and Sunol Glen.
Kenwood and Glen Ellen.
Mill Valley.
Paradise (May 1st).
Berkeley, Park. (May 1st).
San Rafael.
Tipton.
Suisun.

DR. LARKIN GOES SOUTH

The resignation of Dr. Ralph B. Larkin of the North Congregational Church of Berkeley comes as a surprise to his many friends in the conference. The illness of Dr. Larkin's father makes it necessary for him to move to Mount Lowe to relieve his father of the responsibility of the directorship of Mount Lowe Observatory.

During the six and one half years in Berkeley, Dr. Larkin has been a leader of unquestioned spirituality. Being fond of children he has been especially successful in working with the Sunday School and Boy Scouts, many of whom have united with the Church.

He has given himself liberally to civic affairs and his going will leave a void in the community as well as in North Church.

Dr. Edward L. Bliss of Shaowu, China, is expected home soon. The family was to have sailed in February but was delayed because of the illness of Dr. Josephine Kennedy which made it impossible for her to assume his work in addition to her own. Dr. Alfred J. Stewart sailed early in February to relieve Dr. Bliss.

THE LOST BATTALION

By vote of the Executive Committee, on the advice of Mr. C. H. Baker of the Church Building Society, we are dropping from the list of Churches in the Year Book twenty-five churches that are not operating at the present time, but because of property interests we are listing the churches under summaries entitled Churches not Functioning. The names follow:

Alton, Bethany, Bowles, Byron, Callahan, Canby, Clayton, Cottonwood, Davis Creek, Decoto, Dorris, Falk, Herald, Hydesville, Likely, Lincoln, Little Shasta, Nevada City, Pescadero, Port Costa, Rocklin, Rohnerville, San Francisco, Bethlehem, Santa Rosa, Todd, Sierraville.

MISCELLANEOUS

Word comes from Mr. Dodge that he is making a most rapid recovery. He is glad to see visitors at 764 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, Calif., or he may be addressed at Box 937, same city. Any one wishing a short course in optimism should make him an early visit.

Dr. Doremus Scudder has been confined in the hospital, but has so far recovered that he is now at his home in Claremont. He and Mrs. Scudder are entertaining his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ordway, members of our Congregational church in Winchester, Mass.

Rev. Harold Govette has resigned the work at Olivet church, Oakland, and accepted a call to the Methodist Episcopal church in Woodland. Save this brief excursion with us he has been connected with that denomination.

Rev. C. E. Evans, formerly of London, Ont., has accepted a call to Corona, Calif.

Rev. D. C. Lockwood comes to Park church, Berkeley, from the Asbury Methodist church of San Francisco. He begins his work in April. Park people are happy with the prospect of getting so efficient a pastor. This church loaned its building to the Pacific School of Religion to carry on a demonstration of Week Day Religious Education. We hope for a report of the experiment in an early issue.

Mr. P. R. Hirst of the San Anselmo school is doing special work with the Sunday School and Young People's Societies in Mill Valley.

Dr. Herman F. Swartz has been invited to go to Honolulu to preach the dedicatory sermon at the new Central Union church where Dr. Albert is the popular pastor. It is a magnificent structure, so recent visitors from the Islands have told us.

Dr. Frederick Lucas Kingsbury died on March 18th in Berkeley at the home of his son-in-lay, Prof. F. S. Foote. Mrs. Kingsbury had passed on only the day before. They were honored together by a common service in the First Church Berkeley on Saturday, March 22nd.

Dr. and Mrs. Kingsbury were Missionaries of the American Board serving in Bulgaria from 1881 to 1898, when he returned to the United States on account of ill health. He was on the staff of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium in New York State 1900 to 1905, Minister Congregational Church, Ventura, California 1906 to 1910. They then lived in Los Angeles till 1922 when they came to Berkeley to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Foote. Dr. Kingsbury was honored as a missionary, highly esteemed by his friends and a patient sufferer during a long and confining invalidism.

BAY ASSOCIATION HAS INSPIRIN MEETING AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Over two hundred members of Bay Churches sat down to dinner at Plymouth Church, Friday, March 28. The occasion was the presentation of the inventory recently taken of the material condition of these churches.

Cross-sections of Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, San Leandro and Marin County were shown by the following ministers: Harvey V. Miller, R. C. Waddell, W. W. Ferrier, H. Rowley, A. C. Bowdish, and L. M. Isaac. Superintendent Minchin gave the more general survey, illustrated by a graph showing membership and benevolence for a ten-year period, and made an appeal for an Easter offering to supplement the Every Member Canvass. The offering will count on the apportionment.

Mr. C. W. Brock spoke of the great needs of the Bay region. He was followed by Selden Smith and Dr. Swartz. Plymouth Church ladies furnished an excellent dinner. Their alto, Miss Peterson, sang three selections in most charming manner. Following the dinner nearly all went into the auditorium to see on the screen sketches of the proposed buildings at Sacramento, Oakland; First and Berkeley; First.

Disappointing as the statistics of the evening were the disposition of this most representative gathering was to tackle Congregationalism with a new vision and raise larger funds for the missionary work.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters shows that more than $6,000,000 worth of church property was destroyed by fire during 1919 and 1920. That meant 3500 fires, or an average of five church fires a day throughout the entire year.

Mr. Oakley writes: "I attended Paxton's service Sunday in the rain. He had a big Congregation; his morning service is given twice, at 10:00 a. m. and at 11:30 a. m. to accommodate the crowds, the same service, music and sermon."

The people of First Church, San Francisco, are looking forward to the coming this summer of their missionary Rev. Elmer Galt of Paotingfu.

Sheets, bedding and surgical dressings are much needed at Wai and Lintsin hospitals, both of which are overcrowded. The helpers are too overworked to make them. What better Lenten work for our church women at home?

With Russians, Bulgarians, Armenians and others in the language school, Edith Sanderson says they have the whole international and religious problem in a nutshell. She is studying eight hours a day and teaching physical education to the women of the school.

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THE CONVALESCENT CHILD.

Another unit of the Stanford Hospital for convalescent children was dedicated recently. It was made possible by the generous gift of a wealthy woman. On its acceptance, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University said: "There have been arguments, as to why cities are built. But, for whatever purpose they were built, one thing is certain—they were not built for children. It is children above all who have a claim to sunlit spaces, clear skies and healing airs."

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION NOTES

Rev. Obed S. Johnson, a professor in the Union Theological College at Canton, China, under appointment of the American Board, is now living in Oakland, California, and taking special studies in the Department of Chinese Language and Literature in the University of California. Mr. Johnson recently visited the Chinese Congregational church in Fresno and spoke in several American churches. He will attend the Kern Association in Bakersfield and assist in the licensure of a new Chinese minister recently arrived. He has been preaching for several Sundays at the services of the Chinese Congregational church of San Francisco.

Rev. John P. Erdman, chairman of the Secretarial Council of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, is expected in San Francisco April 21st for a speaking campaign on behalf of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association with which the American Missionary Association co-operated for the work in the territory of Hawaii. Mr. Erdman can be reached through this office and will be glad to accept appointments to speak on the work he knows so well.

The Chinese Christian Union, composed of various churches in San Francisco Chinese community, will hold their regular March evangelistic meetings soon. This is always an important event for the demonstration of fellowship and the enlistment of those who are members of mission night schools.

Secretary Hinman has recently made a trip in Montana, visiting our churches in Billings, Butte, Helena and Great Falls. Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico have recently been edded to the Pacific District of the American Missionary Association.

Rev. K. Nukaga, former pastor of our Japanese Congregational church of Oakland, is just returning to his pastorate in Tokyo, after presenting to the Japanese of California the needs of the churches of Japan destroyed by the earthquake.

An interesting pamphlet has recently been issued by the American Missionary Association office as a part of the campaign against the Chinese tongs and their protection of vice in the Chinese community. There is evidence enough that such a campaign is needed. Seventeen Chinese slave girls were rescued in 1923, and five at one time were taken from a Chinese den of vice in San Francisco a few mornings ago.

Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, assistant superintendent of the Oriental Missions under the American Missionary Association, left recently for Washington, D. C., to help in the presentation of the facts about the Japanese on the Pacific Coast and the conditions in Japan before the Immigration Committee of Congress. Mr. Waterhouse has been speaking widely in American churches on earthquake experiences in Japan and has been assisting in special campaigns under the leadership of the Japanese Church Federations of Northern and Southern California.

Many churches in Los Angeles have called on the pastor of our Japanese Federated church, Rev. K. Ogawa, for addresses in connection with the study of the foreign mission text book this year. Rev. H. Shimizu, pastor of the Oakland Japanese Congregational church, would be an interesting and helpful speaker for such mission study classes in the north.

The Chinese Christian community in San Francisco is earnestly considering the question of federation of the many separate church organizations. A strong sentiment in favor of bringing the Presbyterian and Congregational churches into one organization is evident.

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CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Congregational Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring two gatherings during April. A Neighborhood Meeting on the 15th and a Children's Missionary Rally on the 26th. The Neighborhood gathering will draw a large number of women from surrounding associations. Automobile parties are being arranged for in the churches within driving distance. A strong program has been arranged and copies giving full instructions will be mailed in a few days. Lunch will be served by the hostess church. A full account of the Children's Rally will appear in another column.

Associational Institutes have been held at Fresno and Santa Rosa during March. Plans are under way for similar meetings in other associations. These are leaders' conferences and the women have derived much practical knowledge concerning our denominational plans and the working out of local problems. The women of Northern California are keenly interested in raising the Conference apportionment in full. Officers and Directors of the C. W. M. S. are sparing no efforts in giving inspiration and information to the women of the churches.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY RALLY

The second annual Children's Missionary Rally, under the auspices of the Congregational Women's Misionary Society of Northern California, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1924, from 10:30 a. m., to 3 p. m., at the North Congregational Church, Walnut and Cedar Streets, Berkeley, Calif. The Rally last year was a very happy and memorable occasion for over a hundred children from eleven churches in the Bay region. We look for even a larger attendance this year,—more churches represented, and more children from each church. We want every church within a reasonable distance of Berkeley to send a delegation of wide-awake Junior boys and girls. This Rally should be a vital factor in helping our children to become world citizens of Christ's Kingdom.

The program, as last year, will consist largely of contributions by the children themselves, in the way of simple dramatizations, recitations,, or songs. The roll-call will be by churches, each group of children giving a Bible verse bearing upon missions. Each child is asked to bring a packet of seeds, flower or vegetable, to be sent to home and foreign mission fields; and also to bring a picnic lunch, to be eaten in the park, if weather permits. The ladies of the church will serve hot chocolate. As last year, two awards will be given, to the largest group of children from one church, and to the group traveling the greatest distance. Each award will be one year's subscription to that splendid little magazine, "Everyland."

Let every church see to it that the children are interested in this Rally, and that means are provided so that many of them can come to Berkeley for this festive and interesting occasion. Questions or suggestions will be gladly received and answered by Mrs. H. F. Swartz, 1049 Mariposa Avenue, Berkeley, or Mrs. A. E. Paterson, 1719 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, Calif.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC

The heads of a hundred or more Chinese bandits hanging from the wall at Lintsing, China, in the province of Shantung, where Dr. Alma Cooke, former Oakland girl and graduate of the University of California and Medical School, is in charge of the hospital, saved the lives of the people in the village, so writes Dr. Tucker. This hospital has been the base for weeks of the victims of the bandits. The regular hospital work is going on as usual. Dr. Cooke has been on duty every day and many nights. She is a heroine without realizing it.

SPRING ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Bay—San Lorenzo, April 29.
Upper Bay—Rio Vista, May 13.
Central—Stockton, May 1 and 2.
Santa Clara—Saratoga, May 6 and 7.
Sonoma—Santa Rosa, May.
Sacramento Valley—Auburn, May 6 and 7.
San Joaquin—Porterville, May 28.

CONFERENCE COMPARISONS, ODIOUS AND OTHERWISE

Increases

C. E. Members	404
Home Expenses	$24,983
Church Property	87,200
Undenominational Gifts	10,355

Decreases

Churches	26
Members	725
S. S. Members	776
Designated Gifts	$ 3,935

Nationally we find that out of the first twenty-six states reporting to the Year Book there is a decrease in membership of 458. This is accounted for by two facts: There were 21,137 additions in these states as against 24,978 in 1922. And there were 21,595 removals as against 17,434 in 1922. This means 3,841 fewer additions and 4,161 more losses. Dr. Burton asks our explanation of the apparent sudden drop in our accessions and increase in our removals. We will welcome answers to this question.

How We Will Look in the Year Book

Number of men	6,239
Number of Women	10,126
Unclassified	788
Total	17,153
Absent	2,830
Additions	
On Confession	667
By Letter	729
Total	1,396
Removals	
Death	165
Letter	500
Revision	999
	1,664
25 Suspended Churches	457
Total	2,121
Last Year Totals	17,878
This Year Totals	17,153
Loss	725

EIGHTEEN CHURCHES RECEIVE TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE

While the Conference shows a net loss in membership, it is largely through revision of roll. The following churches show the largest gains though a number of other churches may have as large a percentage of increase:

Berkeley, First	103
San Francisco, First	90
Oakland, First	55
Lodi	50
Ripon	48
Sacramento	46
Stockton	41
Fresno, First	40
Santa Cruz	37
Oakland, Olivet	36
Palo Alto	32
Fresno, Zion	31
Oakland, Plymouth	30
San Mateo	30
Berkeley, North	28
Petaluma	28
Biola, Friedens	27
Alameda	25

TREASURER'S REPORT

Benevolences Received From January 10 to February 30, 1924

Angels Camp	$ 11.37
Martinez	124.95
Hayfork	11.40
Broadmoor	12.04
Soquel	18.84
San Jose, First	20.00
Weaverville	50.50
San Francisco, First	25.00
Sonoma	16.75
San Rafael	5.00
Oakland, First	56.00
San Lorenzo	16.50
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San Mateo	23.58
Ripon	50.00
Pacific Grove	21.11
San Francisco, First	500.00
Fresno	100.00
Petaluma	78.35
Ceres	67.54
Santa Rosa	16.45
Tulare	11.05
Berkeley, First	512,83
Fruitvale	19.00
Eureka	77.58
Oakland, First	384.71
Grass Valley	23.14
Tipton	26.19
Sonoma	18.75
Oakland, Boulevard	8.75
Fresno, First	23.00
San Jose	100.00
Berkeley, Bethany	17.00
Pacific Grove	20.47
Redwood City	4.00
Oakland, Plymouth	204.06
Berkeley, North	300.00
	$2,994.21

Distribution of Benevolences, January 10th to February 29th

A. B. C. F. M.	$ 533.65
A. M. A.	350.46
Annuity Fund	28.84
C. C. B. S.	178.53
C. E. S.	142.19
Conference Expenses	216.34
C. H. M. S.	302.23
Bay Assoc.	604.09
C. H. M. S., C. H. Baker 2%	18.48
C. M. R. S.	56.79
Pac. School of Religion	86.54
S. S. E. S.	83.21
W. B. M. P.	355.46
Mrs. Wingate, 5% C. W. M. S.	37.40
	$2,994.21

F. P. COLE,
Treasurer

AMERICAN BOARD NEWS

Miss Gertrude Cozad of Kobe arrived recently on furlough and spent a few days with Mrs. Kofoid before going south. She writes from Dillon Court, Claremont, California: "We are situated most delightfully here in a bird cage we have taken till the end of June."

Miss Cozad was one of the two American Board missionaries who were in serious danger in Yokohama during the Japan earthquake disaster. With the help of a young Korean, whom in turn she was able to rescue from the mob, she finally reached one of the rescue ships. The Korean is now studying with her brother-in-law, Dr. Horatio B. Newell, in Korea.

Miss Alice P. Adams has left Claremont and until further notice will be with Mrs. Horace Pettee in Decatur, Ill. She writes: "I am in fine trim and everything going well."

Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Robinson of Paotingfu, China, are to be in Long Beach till they return to their field in August. Mr. Robinson has written an interesting article on the making of hair nets.

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CHURCH NEWS

BENICIA: Under the leadership of the new minister, Rev. T. Davis Preston, a High School group has been organized in the church as a Service Club. It numbers twenty-five, meets at 6:30 Sunday evening and studies dramatic presentation of Bible themes and pageantry. During March and April they will study Christian Vocational Guidance with topics such as, The Service of Education, The Service of Medicine, The Service of Journalism, and The Service of the Ministry. This group purchased a Moving Picture Machine and will soon show films on China, India and Japan, under the title of The Ministry of Understanding. Delegates will attend the Berkeley Conference and a Summer Camp is being planned.

FERNDALE: Superintendent Minchin and Secretary Hinman were the guests of the Ferndale church recently at the re-dedication of their remodeled church building. Representatives of the nearby churches joined in the fellowship of the afternoon service of dedication. A member of the church had personally supervised the work and changed their old and plain interior into an attractive and beautiful church home. The addition of a neat kitchen, a well furnished church parlor, as well as the whole atmosphere of the auditorium makes the church a most attractive meeting place. Mrs. Heath is to be congratulated on her leadership of the church to this fine result.

GRASS VALLEY: Under the caption of Church Betterment this church has issued attractive advertising, hoping to modernize the church building that was erected in 1892. The plans call for improvements that will cost upwards of $20,000. The city is growing. Other institutions show physical improvement. Why not the church? The committee in charge is to be commended in its courteous and prayerful appeal to the public spirit of the community.

LODI: At a recent communion nearly three hundred participated. Six members were received. The church passed through a bitter experience in the loss of nearly a hundred members alienated by an exaggerated pietism. The conservative and dependable members, under the able leadership of Mr. Stevens, have rallied their forces and have a fine Sunday School and a growing church that made large contributions to our benevolences during 1923.

OAKLAND, BOULEVARD: Three branch Sunday Schools have been organized by this church during the past six months. East Oakland is making a rapid growth. An abundant opportunity awaits this church. Here is the chance to make an investment in service. Such a church needs workers with a zeal to meet new situations.

PACIFIC GROVE: With the coming of Dr. Silcox there is a new interest in the work. The church has united upon his leadership and he will serve as a stated supply for six months or more. Summer visitors will be happy in having the opportunity to hear this gifted speaker.

PORTERVILLE: A unique pre-Easter campaign of a three-fold nature began on Ash Wednesday and will culminate on Easter Sunday. The church membership is divided into twelve groups. Each has a leader, and the objective for each group is one hundred per cent. attendance on Sunday morning, one hundred per cent contributing to the church budget, and the doubling of each group by the addition of new members. A great deal of interest is manifested, and members are being added at each service. On a recent Sunday it was said that there was the largest number of members present than had been the case for many years. A motion picture machine has been purchased by the men of the church and is being used at the Sunday evening service. The pastor, Dr. Harold S. Davidson, gives an address, and this is illustrated by a motion picture. Illustrated songs are sung from the screen. The service is called, "The Picture and Song Service." It is proving very popular. One Sunday recently a number were turned away. The large auditorium with rear balcony lends itself to such a service.

REDWOOD CITY: Rev. R. J. Currie, who was recently called from the Congregational Church of Wyandotte, Mich., is settled with his family in the parsonage and has been at work since March 1st. Mr. Currie is taking hold of the church work with vigor and already results are apparent in the large increase in attendance at both services.

The officers and chairmen of the various committees of the church activities and teachers in the Sunday School were entertained at a turkey dinner the first Tuesday evening of the month at which time a Church Cabinet was organized. This Cabinet will hold a dinner the first Tuesday of each month to consider and discuss matters of general interest to the welfare of the church: after which the different organizations of the Church will hold their own special meetings in the various committee rooms.

SACRAMENTO: A striking dodger, done in red, calls the membership of the church together to see the new plans for the imposing structure they hope to build. Floor plans and exterior elevations were shown by stereopticon and fully explained. The building is to be erected on one of the most commanding sites in the city. Mr. Gill's organizing ability is finding a great opportunity for expressing itself. We are to have a Capital church in a Capitol city.

SONOMA: The growth of this church requires added equipment. A committee is at work planning for an addition, at the rear of the present edifice, that will double the capacity for Sunday School and social purposes. Mr. Cookman has organized a Bus service that brings the children in from many miles around. This church is situated in the heart of a great resort country and has a large summer population to minister to.

CONGREGATIONALISTS ACTIVE IN MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The advance notices of the Missionary Education Movement that is to meet at Asilomar July 11-21 schedules the following Congregationalists on the faculty.

Mrs. James Wallace, Religious Education Director, Hollywood.

Dr. H. F. Swartz, President, Pacific School of Religion.

Mr. Wilbur S. Tupper, San Leandro.

Rev. Obed Johnson, President of Union Theological Seminary, Canton, China.

Dr. Miles B. Fisher, Associate Pastor and Director of Religious Education, First Church, Berkeley.

DR. H. MELVILLE TENNEY
In Memoriam

The sudden death of Dr. H. M. Tenney on March 13 has been a shock to our Congregational fellowship. He had recently been suffering from an acute heart difficulty but was convalescing encouragingly. On the evening of his death he had ventured out to a symphony concert. He was a great lover of music and found intense delight in the program of the evening. After having returned home with no apparent ill results and retired, he was suddenly taken.

He has had a long and useful ministry. He had a capacity for friendship and drew people to him. His gentleness and true Christian courtesy, his extraordinary love of the artistic and the beautiful, his passion for our California Sierra, whose trails he followed for many years, his devotion to the high ends of his ministry and the Kingdom—all these things spoke the quality of his soul.

He was born in Morrisville, Vermont, seventy-four years ago. He was graduated from Middlebury College and Yale Divinity School. His ordination to the ministry was in 1876. After pastorates at Wallingford, Conn., Cleveland, Ohio, and Grinnell, Iowa, he came to this Coast as pastor at San Jose, which place he held for twelve years. From this service he was called to the Pacific Coast Secretaryship of the American Board, in which position he served for about twelve years, and became widely known and trusted. Retiring from the active ministry, he had his residence in Watsonville, serving in a local church in a lay capacity. He built up a Bible Class for adults which achieved a conspicuous result. A few months ago he returned to his former residence at Piedmont, Oakland, soon to be called from his earthly labor. He will be affectionately remembered. Mrs. Tenney has the loving sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral was conducted at the residence by Dr. Ralph B. Larkin of the North Church, Berkeley, assisted by Prof. J. W. Buckham, Dr. H. H. Kelsey, and Rev. C. D. Milliken.

RALPH B. LARKIN.

JAMES EDWARD AGAR, 1848-1924

It is with sadness that I record the passing of Mr. Agar, whom I had known for sixty years in California. He passed out quietly after a brief illness, being nearly 76 years of age.

Mr. Agar arrived in Downieville in the year 1860, when 12 years of age; he attended the public school, later taking advanced studies under his pastor, Rev. Wm. C. Pond. He early connected himself with the Sunday School, soon joining the Church, continuing the remainder of his life an ardent Christian.

On his departure for the Bay region, some years later, he was connected at various times with Congregational Churches in San Francisco, Alameda, Berkeley and Fruitvale.

My last conversation with Mr. Agar occurred but a few days before his death, when he was apparently in good health. He expressed a wish to visit Downieville once more, the scene of our early California experiences, after an absence of over 50 years.

I assured him that it might be possible to arrange for us to make this trip together, possibly during the coming summer. He was overjoyed at the prospect. How little did he realize that he would make a journey alone, in so short time, "to the land from whence no traveler returns."

Funeral services were held at the Fruitvale Congregational Church where Mr. Agar had been a Sunday School teacher and deacon for several years.

Mr. Chas. Clarke, the pastor, spoke feelingly of Mr. Agar's life and influence in the community, introducing his old pastor, Mr. Pond, past 90 years of age. Mr. Pond spoke of the early life of Mr. Agar whom he called his boy, of his early education, of his conversion and active Christian life, while a boy and young man in Downieville, and of his hearty co-operation with him in later years in his San Francisco pastorate.

I cannot let this occasion pass without paying my personal tribute to the sterling character of my friend, whose entire life has been an inspiration to old and young in this community.

GEO. R. KIBBE.

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN
Pacific School of Religion

Pacific School is now actively engaged in the endeavor to secure the funds necessary to enable it to locate upon the new site. President Swartz is giving the major portion of his time to this work and he has actively associated with him Dr. C. S. Nash, who is serving as the secretary in charge of appointments; Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher, who until lately has been in charge of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and Dr. S. E. Lynd, who has just come to California, having resigned the presidency of Tabor College, Iowa. Drs. Fisher and Lynd are devoting their whole time to field service.

The School is going directly to the churches, presenting the cause from the pulpit and seeking subscriptions from the members. The response thus far has averaged almost exactly what has been the estimated expectation from the fields visited, and on the basis of this substantial encouragement the work is moving forward hopefully. The most resourceful church thus far visited is the First Church at San Diego. The subscriptions from this field will run to about $15,000. The church at Glendale has voted to put the School on the church's budget for five years, making a total of $1500.

Dr. Nash is actively arranging dates for the presentation of the work of the School in the churches.

PASTORS ARRANGE FOR PRE-EASTER SERVICES

The Lenten season offers rare opportunity for deliberate thinking. We are fortunate in having two such programs as examples.

Dr. Palmer of Santa Cruz is giving in his own pulpit on Sunday mornings a series on "How the Bible Got to Us."

1. How the Old Testament Was Preserved for the First One Thousand Years.
2. How the Old Testament Was Preserved After the Rescue From Antiochus.
3. Why and How They First Wrote the New Testament Books.
4. How They Brought the Books of the Bible Together.
5. Some Adventures of the Bible During the Middle Ages.
6. How the English Bible Entered England.

Mr. Morrison of San Jose has secured Frederick E. Morgan, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Stanford University, for four addresses on "Science and Belief in God." These are Sunday afternoon addresses to be followed by a Questionnaire.

March 9th—How Science Has Challenged Traditional Beliefs.

March 16th—God in a World of Matter, Force and Law.

March 23rd—God and Evolution.

March 30th—Science and Prayer.

Mr. Morrison on the same Sunday mornings is giving a series on The Confession of Faith and Covenant.

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